

**Chambers of Circuit Judge Emilio M. Garza**

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**Emilio M. Garza**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Notre Dame 1969 BA, 1970 MA; Texas 1976 JD  
Began Service: June 7, 1991  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Judicial:** Judge, Texas District Court, 225th Judicial District (1987-1988); Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (1988-1991)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Clemens, Spencer, Welmaker & Finck (1976-1987)

**Military Service:** United States Marine Corps (1970-1973); United States Marine Corps Reserve (1973-1979)

**Current Memberships:** San Antonio Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

**Staff**

Law Clerk **(Vacant)** ..... (210) 525-2950  
Law Clerk **Chad Atlas** ..... (210) 525-2950  
Law Clerk **Mark Primo-Hopkins** ..... (210) 525-2950  
Judicial Assistant **Carolyn McFadden** ..... (210) 525-2950

**Chambers of Circuit Judge Fortunato P. Benavides**

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**Fortunato P. Benavides**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Houston 1968 BBA, 1972 JD  
Began Service: 1994  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Government:** Commissioner, Juvenile Probation Commission, State of Texas (1983-1989)

**Judicial:** Judge, Hidalgo County Court at Law No. 2 (1977-1979); Judge, Texas District Court, 92nd Judicial District (1981-1984); Judge, Texas Court of Appeals, 13th District (1984-1991); Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals (1991-1992)

**Legal Practice:** Rankin, Kern & Martinez (1972-1974); Partner, Cisneros & Benavides (and predecessor firms) (1974-1980); Sole Practitioner, Law Offices of Fortunato P. Benavides (1980-1981); Associate, Atlas & Hall (1993-1994)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Hidalgo County Bar Association; Hispanic National Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

**Staff**

Law Clerk **James Doggett** ..... (512) 916-5796  
Began Service: August 2009  
Term Expires: August 2010  
Law Clerk **Mary Nagle** ..... (512) 916-5796  
Began Service: August 2009  
Term Expires: August 2010  
Law Clerk **Jonathan Wilkerson** ..... (512) 916-5796  
Began Service: August 2009  
Term Expires: August 2010  
Career Law Clerk **Stephani Stelmach** ..... (512) 916-5796  
Education: Kentucky 1990 JD  
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**Chambers of Circuit Judge Carl E. Stewart**

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**Carl E. Stewart**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
Education: Dillard 1971 BA; Loyola U (New Orleans) 1974 JD  
Began Service: May 9, 1994  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Academic:** Adjunct Instructor, Louisiana State University in Shreveport (1982-1985)

**Government:** Staff Attorney, Office of the Attorney General, United States Department of Justice (1978-1979); Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of Louisiana, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1979-1983); Special Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, Caddo Parish, Louisiana (1983-1985); Assistant City Prosecutor, City of Shreveport, Louisiana (1983-1985)

**Judicial:** Judge, Louisiana District Court, First Judicial District (1985-1991); Judge, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Second Circuit (1991-1994)

**Legal Practice:** Piper & Brown (1977-1978); Partner, Stewart & Dixon (1983-1985)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1974-1977)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; The Harry V. Booth - Judge Henry A. Politz American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court; Black Lawyers Association of Shreveport-Bossier; Louisiana Conference of Judges of Courts of Appeal; Louisiana State Bar Association; National Bar Association; Shreveport Bar Association

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Marcus Augustine** ..... (318) 676-3765  
Began Service: August 2009  
Term Expires: August 2010  
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Began Service: August 2009  
Term Expires: August 2010  
Law Clerk **Marcia Henry** ..... (318) 676-3765  
Began Service: August 2009  
Term Expires: August 2010  
Judicial Secretary **Inolia Y. Johnson** ..... (318) 676-3765  
Education: United Sem MRE  
Judicial Assistant **Marilyn A. Myers** ..... (318) 676-3765  
Education: Northwestern State 1983 BS; Grambling State 1997 MS

**Chambers of Circuit Judge James L. Dennis**

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**James L. Dennis**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1936  
Education: Louisiana Tech 1959 BS; LSU 1962 JD; Virginia 1984 LLM  
Began Service: October 2, 1995  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Academic:** Visiting Professor, Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College; Visiting Professor, Tulane University

**Government:** State Representative James Dennis (R-LA), Louisiana State House of Representatives (1968-1972)

**Chambers of Circuit Judge James L. Dennis continued**

**Judicial:** Judge, Louisiana District Court, Fourth Judicial District (1972-1974); Judge, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Second Circuit (1974-1975); Justice, Supreme Court of Louisiana (1975-1995)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1962-1972)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1955-1957)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association

**Staff**

Secretary/Office Manager **Terri Hooper** ..... (504) 310-8000

**Chambers of Circuit Judge Edith Brown Clement**

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**Edith Brown Clement**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Alabama 1969 BA; Tulane 1972 JD  
Began Service: December 27, 2001  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable H.W. Christenberry, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana (1973-1975)

**Judicial:** District Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana (1991-2001)

**Legal Practice:** Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrere & Denegre (1975-1991)

**Current Memberships:** The American Inns of Court; The American Law Institute; Federal Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; Maritime Law Association of the United States

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Ian Atkinson** ..... (504) 310-8068  
Began Service: 2009  
Term Expires: July 2010  
Law Clerk **Andrew Bosse** ..... (504) 310-8068  
Began Service: September 2009  
Term Expires: September 2010  
Law Clerk **Justin Torres** ..... (504) 310-8068  
Began Service: August 2009  
Term Expires: August 2010  
Law Clerk **Michael Andrew Zee** ..... (504) 310-8068  
Began Service: June 22, 2009  
Term Expires: July 2010  
Secretary **Susan M. Barrios** ..... (504) 310-8068

**Chambers of Circuit Judge Edward Charles Prado**

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**Edward Charles Prado**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Texas 1969 BA, 1972 JD  
Began Service: May 14, 2003  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Government:** Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Bexar, Texas (1972-1976); Federal Public Defender, Western District of Texas, State of Texas (1976-1980); United States Attorney, Western District of Texas, United States Department of Justice (1981-1984); District Judge, Chambers of District Judge Edward C. Prado, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (1984-2003)

**Chambers of Circuit Judge Edward Charles Prado continued**

**Judicial:** Judge, Texas District Court, Bexar County (1980)

**Military Service:** United States Army Reserve, United States Department of the Army (1972-1980)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; The American Inns of Court; Federal Bar Association; San Antonio Bar Association; San Antonio Bar Foundation; State Bar of Texas

**Staff**

Judicial Assistant **Mona D. Martin** ..... (210) 472-4060

**Chambers of Circuit Judge Priscilla R. Owen**

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**Priscilla R. Owen**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1954  
Education: Baylor 1976 BA, 1977 JD  
Began Service: June 3, 2005  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Justice, Supreme Court of Texas (1995-2005)

**Legal Practice:** Andrews & Kurth L.L.P. (1977-1994)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; The American Law Institute; Houston Bar Association; Houston Bar Foundation, Houston Bar Association

**Staff**

Judicial Administrative Assistant **Michele Johnson** ..... (512) 916-5167

**Chambers of Circuit Judge Jennifer Walker Elrod**

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**Jennifer Walker Elrod**  
Circuit Judge

Education: Baylor 1988 BA; Harvard 1992 JD  
Began Service: October 2007  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Chambers of District Judge Sim Lake, United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (1992-1994)

**Judicial:** 190th District Court Judge, County of Harris, Texas (2002-2007)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Baker Botts L.L.P. (1994-2002)

**Staff**

Judicial Administrative Assistant **Maria Valdez** ..... (713) 250-7590

**Chambers of Circuit Judge Leslie Southwick**

245 East Capitol Street, Room 222, Jackson, MS 39201  
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**Leslie H. Southwick**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
Education: Rice 1972 BA; Texas 1975 JD  
Began Service: October 2007  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Affiliation:** Adjunct Professor, Mississippi College; Member, The American Law Institute

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